



CEDAR
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

School Profile 2020 - 2021



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Overview and Unique elements to the school's curriculum

Cedar International School serves approximately 270 students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Students represent approximately 40 nationalities and teachers hail from 12 different nations. The curriculum is holistic, with hands-on and experiential learning opportunities available to students throughout their school years.

The school promotes the importance of engaging in extracurricular activities to build character and balance in students and activities ranging from soccer to rock band are offered on campus to complement the school's academic program.

Elective courses are built into students' required coursework, with options ranging from Model United Nations and Journalism to Cricket and Archery.

Every spring the school organises an annual experiential education programme whereby students engage in learning outside of the classroom. Options for this programme include overseas trips (Cuba, Dominica and Costa Rica as examples) as well as local trips and Internship and University Tour options. Most trips have a service component and are structured around learning objectives.

School Highlights



8:1 student teacher ratio



Class of 2020 admitted to a college or university



Engage in formal experiential education programs



Bilingual and multi-lingual students



Students take International Baccalaureate Higher Level (HL) & Standard Level (SL) courses

20

Average class size



Faculty with advanced degrees



Student diversity by nationality in 2019

Cedar's Mission and Guiding Statements

The mission of Cedar International School, a non-profit private school, is to provide all students we serve the opportunity to achieve their academic best with an international curriculum within a culturally diverse environment; to encourage leadership, character, and creativity; to foster a culture of international mindedness and community service; and to nurture inquiring minds and caring personalities in all students.

Vision Statement

Preparing global citizens for tomorrow's opportunities.

Accreditations

Originally accredited in 2000 from preschool to 10th grade by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, that accreditation was expanded to include 11th and 12th grades as those classes were added.

In 2005, Cedar School was granted membership to the Council of International Schools and was awarded accreditation as an international school in August 2007. In February 2008 Cedar School officially changed its name to Cedar International School, reflecting the diversity of the school community and the approval of Cedar as an International Baccalaureate (IB) School.

Cedar International School is an IB World School, authorised to teach the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP).



Social-Emotional Learning & Support at Cedar International School:

Cedar International School believes that social-emotional learning is integral to students succeeding and achieving their full potential. The school's Solutions Studio (TSS), a team of trained and experienced learning specialists and counsellors, provide additional academic, social and/or emotional support for students that require provisions beyond the boundaries of expected levels of differentiation. TSS's Inclusion model is an evidence-based practise that provides IEPs as needed and aims to remove barriers to learning and develop independence in students. Counselling methods include a strength-based cognitive behavioural approach, a dialectical behavioural approach, and a solution-focused approach to build on one's strengths and inherent positive qualities, develop skills that can be applied to a larger context, increase self-awareness and improve emotional regulation. Individual, group and/or classroom guidance may be provided.

Diploma Programme Requirements

- 3 courses at Higher Level (240 hours of instruction)
- 3 courses at Standard Level (150 hours of instruction)
- Extended Essay - 4,000 word independent research paper
- Theory of Knowledge Course (18 months)
- Creativity, Activity, Service (18 months of community service)
- Minimum of 24 points in externally-assessed exams to achieve the Diploma

Graduation Requirements

- English - 4 years of instruction
- Mathematics - 4 years of instruction
- Social Science - 4 years of instruction
- Foreign Language - 4 years of instruction
- Design, Visual Arts or Music - 4 years of instruction
- Electives - 4 years of instruction
- Physical Health and Education - 2 years of instruction



IB LEVEL	PERCENTAGE	LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINT EQUIVALENCY	DP STANDARD LEVEL (SL) GRADE POINT EQUIVALENCY*	DP HIGHER LEVEL (HL) WEIGHTED GRADE POINT EQUIVALENCY*
7	94-100	A	4.0	4.0	5.0
6	87-93	B+	3.5	3.5	4.5
5	80-86	B	3.0	3.0	4.0
4	73-79	C+	2.5	2.5	3.5
3	67-72	C	2.0	2.0	3.0
2	60-66	D	1.0	1.0	1.0
1	0-59	E	0.0	0.0	0.0

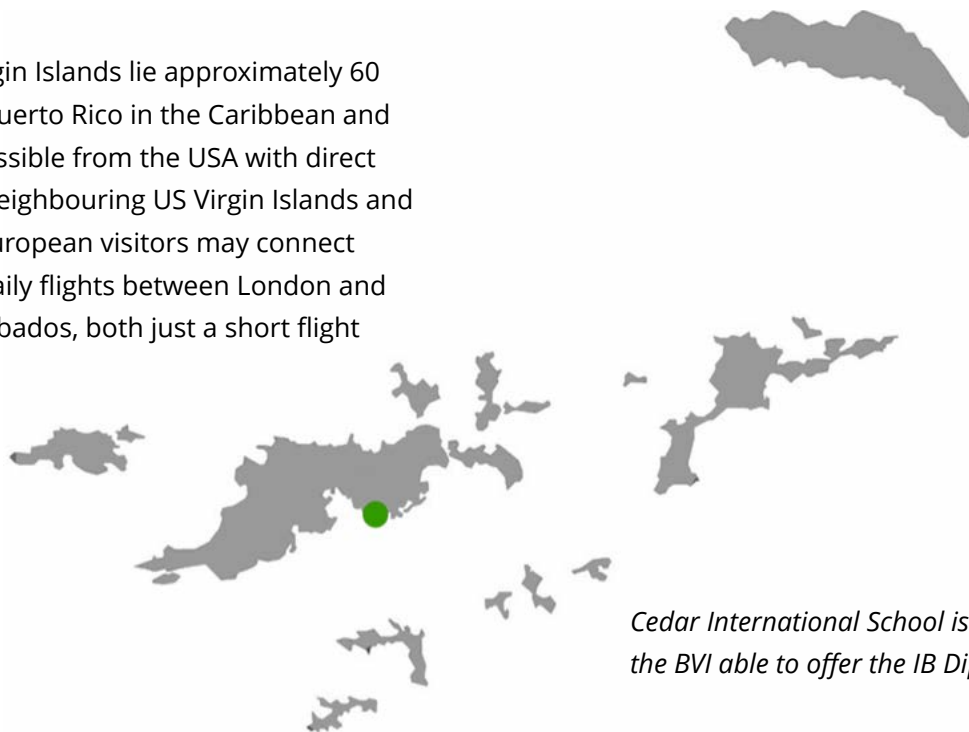
*Cedar International School did not change grading policies as a result of COVID-19. Instruction changed to an online format in March 2020 and continued through the conclusion of the school year (June 2020).

Testing Restrictions on international students & US citizens abroad

In recent years, and particularly this year, our students have had less access to SAT/SAT Subject and ACT tests because of fewer test dates abroad, fewer sites offering the test, test cancellations, technology difficulties, and higher fees. We ask that all higher education institutions take this into account when evaluating our students' applications.

Location

The British Virgin Islands lie approximately 60 miles east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean and are easily accessible from the USA with direct flights to the neighbouring US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. European visitors may connect directly with daily flights between London and Antigua or Barbados, both just a short flight away.



Cedar International School is the only school in the BVI able to offer the IB Diploma Programme.

College Acceptances and Enrolment for the Classes of 2004 - 2020

United States

Barry University
Bates College
Boston College
Brigham Young University Hawaii
Brigham Young University Utah
Brooklyn College
City University of New York
Clark Atlanta University
Clarkson University
Colorado Film School
Columbia College Hollywood
DeVry University
Drexel University
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fisher College
Flagler College
Florida Memorial University
Georgia State University
Hawaii Pacific University
Jacksonville University
Johnson and Wales University
Lewis University
Lee University
Lynn University
Monmouth College
Monroe College
Niagara university
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Pace University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Roger Williams University
Spellman University
University of Bridgeport
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of Central Florida

University of Colorado, Denver
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Nevada
University of New England
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Wagner College

United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University
City University of London
Heriot-Watt University
King's College London
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Nottingham Trent University
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Greenwich
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Plymouth
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews
University of Sunderland
University of Sussex
University of Surrey
University of York

Canada

Carleton University
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Northern Lights College
Ryerson College
University of Guelph
University of Western Ontario
Vancouver Film School

Europe

BI Norwegian Business School
Budapest Metropolitan University
Les Roches Global Hospitality Education

Other

H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (BVI)
Birzeit University (Palestine)
St. George's University, Grenada
University of the Netherlands Antilles
University of the Virgin Islands
University of the West Indies

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